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## WHAT'S WHAT IN THE NEWS

By Theodosia Miecznikowski

Anyone wishing to have a senior yearbook this year, may order now from any senior. Have your subscription blanks filled out immediately!

As the history students probably noticed, Miss Cowan has been away since January 5 because of an infection in her foot. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery, especially the American History II students who take their regents this month. Mrs. E. Cook of East Aurora has been a fine substitute.

On Monday, January 10, an assembly was presented by the Allen Duo. They gave many interesting demonstrations of sound effects in the movies and on the radio.

The first Junior High Basketball Team won its first victory over Hamburg with the score of 57-31. Bellas and Petraccio were high scorers. The next game will be played against Cheektowaga. Approximately 50 boys signed up for the squad. All Junior High boys are cordially invited to come out for basketball every Monday afternoon and every Saturday morning. A game program is continued with each boy playing at least an hour.

The Christmas paintings were greatly appreciated by the students of L. H. S. The window madonna and manger scene was painted by the members of the Rep I Class under the direction of Mary Ann Scotland. The cafeteria and hall decorations were designed by Joan Johnston, the honor roll decoration by Jane Gregory, and the candy counter decorations by Dorothy Stutzman.

There will be a student's bulletin board on the first floor where students may post notices. They must first be



Above is a picture of the Lancaster High School Basketball Squad of 1948-49.

## LANCASTER DEFEATS WEST SENECA

On Tuesday, January 4 Lancaster won its first victory of the year over invading West Seneca with a score of 33-28. It was an exciting game with the score close at all times. "Beb" Bohlen and "Bucky" Rohl were high scorers with 10 points apiece. "Bill" Hastrich also played a good floor game.

## WILLIAMSVILLE DEFEATS LANCASTER

On Friday, January 7, Lancaster lost to Williamsville with the close score of 35-36. The high scorer for Lancaster was "Goofy" Bohlen, with 13 points.

Approved by Mr. Kelleher or Miss Snyder, advisors of the Student Council.

The entire faculty and student body of Lancaster High School wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Kemp upon the death of his father on Tuesday, January 11.

## AMHERST BOY WINNER OF ORATORICAL CONTEST

George Hurd of Amherst Central School obtained first place in the Erie County High School Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the American Legion and held at the Lancaster High School auditorium on Tuesday, January 11. He also participated in the finals which were held at the Buffalo State Teachers College on Thursday, evening, January 13.

Henry Sermak of St. Francis High School, Athol Springs New York, won second place.

Mr. Richard Farrell acted as presiding officer; the judges were Mr. James Kelleher, Mr. David Schrader, Miss Ada Snyder, Miss Etta VanName, and Miss Ruth Zuber.

## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

It was decided at a junior class meeting held on Wednesday, January 12, that the class would give a skating party sometime in April. The exact date and location have not been decided upon as yet.

**EDITORIAL****THE NEW YEAR AND YOU**

With this issue, "The Maroon Oracle" and all its subscribers and friends start a new year. The new year, as is the way with all years, will mature and age rapidly. Its life span is but three hundred and sixty some days. In that space of time, undoubtedly, many things will take place . . . history will be made; nations will agree and disagree; the world economic situation will be better or become worse, fire, disaster and flood will take their annual toll . . . and through it all, come what may schools of the land will carry on.

Because these things are so, "The Maroon Oracle" is happily hopeful that during the year now getting under way, it will be enabled to draw closer to those of you who will spend the greater portion of 1949 with the high school curriculum. "The Maroon Oracle" also hopes you will remember that it is your paper, filled from cover to cover with your articles . . . your editorials, jokes, wisecracks, short stories, essays, and news stories.

The "Maroon Oracle" is the Readers' Digest of the High School scene. Every two weeks of the school year, it has consistently offered high school readers articles they themselves have written.

So abide with us during this new year, and tell your friends about us and about our product we are fashioning into "Maroon Oracle" pages, issue by issue so that they too may read twice monthly of a world that is exclusively high school.

If you have ideas for future issues of the "Maroon Oracle", the staff will appreciate it if you give them your suggestions. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior alike should find, during the days that go to make it a full year, every opportunity for advancement, every outlet for

**TORTURE EVERY JANUARY**

Oh, no—not again! They always seem to come at the time when we least want them. Of course, not many people ever have time for them anyhow. For days now, every student (well, almost) has been gaily tripping down the halls of school, neither thinking nor caring whether his schoolwork was done or not. Now, the blow comes. Why does it have to come so often? I ask. Why doesn't the State Board of Education realize how hard it is for us, "wee" children to study so hard. Oh, they are very cruel. Well, maybe they're not so bad. At least, they don't make us take the torture more than six times a year. But, then, think of it in another way. Count all the times this torture has come to us before you graduate from high school. Yes, sir, that's right—78 times. My head aches when I think of it. Oh, well "kids", we might as well face it; it's time for those tests again. Study hard!!!

their ambitions.

If the "Maroon Oracle" can help them, can serve them and can contribute to their satisfaction and well-being in the great American world of the high school, it will be exceedingly happy and gratified. It wants to do this. It has tried valiantly to do so in the past.

A salute then, from "The Maroon Oracle", to the high school students and teachers of America and to the new year.

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**INQUIRING REPORTER**

Question: What do you think about having graduation exercises outside?

**Answers**

Joyce Girardin: "I think it would be wonderful! At long last something different!"

"Don" Bove: "I think it's o.k. Leave it to our class to have a change".

Audrey Babcock: "I think it would be great—if it didn't rain".

"Don" Kabel: "Outside is all right for football games, but graduation is another thing."

Jean Meiler: "I think it's o.k., but then, I don't favor it too much; for the old people might not enjoy sitting on hard benches".

Mr. Farrell: "It is worth trying. A complete survey would provide a more definite basis for decision".

Barbara Koszuta: "I think all students welcome a new idea".

Betty Spanitz: "It's all right with me, but I am afraid the parents are going to dislike it."

Jean Abendschein: "Wonderful!"

Ronnie Rine: "I don't care—just as long as I am there".

Roy Heinz: "I think it shows we have a lot of outdoor men in our class."

**"A LITTLE TRIP"**

There was a little girl and she had a little smile,  
And she gave it to the little boy across the little aisle;  
He wrote a little note, but made a little slip,  
And they both went together on a little office trip.

**ICE CREAM LUNCHES****The Sugar Bowl**

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**HOME MADE CANDY**

**TAG LETTER**

Well, I finally got stuck with the tag letter. Here it goes: I was born (ask my mother if you don't believe me) bred, and corn fed in Lancaster seventeen and three-quarter years ago.

After graduation, I plan on enlisting in the U. S. Navy and taking up some sort of trade that will help me after I get out.

I like eating and sports of all kinds; mainly, basketball (even though I do sit on the bench most of the time). I also like people who are friendly and easy to get along with. I dislike getting up early — such as 8 o'clock in order to be to school at 8:30.

This is "Bevo", alias Don Bove tagging "Barb" ((Butterball) Hinsken for our next letter.

**THE NOSE**

The nose is often the cause of wars. It causes people to turn criminal; it breaks up homes; plus many other things that I could not put in this paper.

It is characteristic of certain people or types of people. For instance, rich people usually are believed to have small delicate noses turned up at the end. Boxers are known for their flattened noses. Although this point is not as well known as their cauliflower ears, many people recognize it. People with hooked noses are generally considered misers, tight, or mean, although this is not true in all cases. Sometimes people get their noses broken in sports such as football and soccer. One of the most common ailments of the public is a bloody nose.

People have gotten their noses caught in doors, automatic record changers, and mixmasters; bitten by mad dogs, bitten by other people, or just bitten. Noses have been bitten in the climax of tragic love scenes, in wrestling fights and in many other public places.

The nose is an immovable object fastened upon a revolving thing called the head,

which is securely fastened to the body — thus showing that everywhere you go, your nose must go with you a fact which is sometimes embarrassing.

Dogs and many other animals have no especially prominent nose, yet they have a much better smell than human beings do.

Some after thoughts about the nose are: They are many things needed in connection with it; the most important is the handkerchief; sometimes in study halls, the boys team the nose with the handkerchief to make noise. People lose much sleep because other people snore; this has also broken up homes. Snoring has even had part of a radio program built around it. Some people sing and talk through their noses. And a few make a profession of it. The nose has entered into many different things, most of these being other peoples' business. Some use their noses to stick up in the air at certain people, though it wasn't intended for this usage.

A minor use for the nose is smelling.

**SENIOR SKATING PARTY**

Attention everyone! Just in case some smiling senior armed with baseball bat and skating party ticket, hasn't gently tapped you on the shoulder and said: "Are you going to the Senior Class Skating party, Wednesday, January 19 at New Skateland"? Well, what's the use of my going on and on? You all know about it, and we hope to see you there.

The "Smiling" Seniors.

You'll Find All the  
NEWS THAT'S FIT TO  
PRINT in The  
**Lancaster Journal**

**NUMBSKULL SKIPS; FOLKS POST BAIL**

U—ninspired one day by school

N—umbskull Nicker skipped—the fool!

E—nglish classes, history,

X—erces, French, geometry

C—ouldn't hold his interest so

U—ptown slyly did he go.

S—aw two movies; stopped to eat;

E—ntered bus and got a seat

D—oubtless proud of his great feat.

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A—t school next day the voice of doom

B—ade him to the attendance room.

S—udden panic gripped his soul;

E—arnestly he prayed a hole

N—ow would swallow him from sight—

C—ould he be rescued from this plight?

E—vidently he couldn't 'cause he and several of his friends who thought that they could get away with the same trick have been seen shame-facedly dragging bewildered, angry, or indignant parents to school to testify that never again would such a thing happen.

**HARD WORK**

Sing a song of questions:

A paper full of blanks;

Four and twenty red marks—

One for each mistake.

When it is corrected,  
I can plainly see  
It means another hard (?)  
year  
At L. H. S. for me.

Alice Kupfer.

**NYLON TIES**

**1.50**

For His Valentine

*The New York Store*  
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHIERS

**TIMOTHY, THE TATTLER**

Many of the L. H. S. students will be sorry to hear that Jeep, the Peeper, the previous author of this column, has passed away. Yes, poor Jeep died of overwork. However, we are very fortunate in having his cousin, Timothy, the Tattler to take over Jeep's column. So, now, we present that famous columnist, Timothy, the Tattler!

Even though I haven't been at L. H. S. very long, I have found some very outstanding students. I especially noticed what a fine class of seniors you have this year. Why, some have already applied for college! Phyllis Yeska spent January 4 and 5 at Cortland State Teachers College, taking numerous tests. "Phyl" would like to become a physical education instructor.

A few other seniors have already chosen their colleges: Joan Johnston, Oberlin; 'Dick' Berner, Cornell; Audrey Babcock and 'Bob' Olans, University of Buffalo; 'Dot' Stutzman, Alfred University; 'Milt' Brown, Ohio State University; 'Sue' Jacobsen, University of Michigan.

I had occasion to watch a very interesting driver's training class the other afternoon. That expert driver, "Willie" Beam was at the wheel. "Willie" wanted to give the others in the car a great thrill. This is what happened. As she drove down the driveway next to the parking lots, she was instructed to turn left at Aurora Street. "Willie" seemed to misunderstand, for she decided to take a shortcut through the Aurora Street parking lot.

Now, this wouldn't have been so bad except for the following "incidental" items: two school buses were parked in the center of the lot; along the side of one, a car was parked; another car wanted to come out of the parking lot onto the driveway; "Willie" wanted to go between the two buses. She was then asked where "on earth" she was go-

ing. Since she could think of no reply, she slammed on the brakes, barely missing one of the cars.

To add to the confusion, "Willie" very obligingly slowed down the car on William Street for a lame dog. However, back at school, she just managed to miss a dozen students!

I have been attending all the basketball games and I have been pleasantly surprised at the skill "Dick" Cleveland is showing on the court. "Dick" and his sister Lois are new students at LHS. Speaking of new students, there are two new sophomores, John Baranowski and Mabel Phillips.

I see the senior class has started something in the cafeteria, or did Mr. Farrell really start it? Anyway, if you've been very observant, you'll know that I'm referring to the alternate seats on the boys' side being filled in by girls and vice versa. How long will it last?

**WHAT WAS IT?**

It came closer and closer, its green eyes glaring, its hands out in front clutching something. I felt as though my heart would break through my chest, it was beating so hard. My breath came in gasps as the monster advanced. I felt a thousand eyes on me as it clutched my shoulder with both hands and shook me until my teeth rattled.

While wishing I were anywhere but in the clutches of this horrible nightmare — a ruler came down on my

**"MILT" BROWN**

Birthday, April 8, 1931.  
Favorite color, blue.  
Favorite food, peanuts.  
Favorite friend, "Bucky" Rohl.

Favorite subject, solid geometry.

Favorite hangout, Como Snack Bar.

Favorite sport, basketball.  
Favorite hobby, tennis.  
Favorite radio program, Horace Height's Talent Show.  
Favorite movie star, Fred Astaire.

Favorite season, summer.  
Favorite pet peeve, women in general? Yea, verily.

My desire, half interest in Memorial Auditorium.

My ideal, Leroy Chollet.

"Brownie" plans to attend Ohio State University. He is interested in sports, especially basketball, although he enjoys tennis, swimming, ice skating, and tobogganing a great deal.

Brownie is also interested and talented in dramatics. He has acted in a number of Junior High plays, and had one of the leading parts in the senior play. (He did a "hang-up" job as the radio announcer).

He is a favorite among his fellow students, and was voted the most likely to succeed in the senior class.

knuckles, and Mr. Kelleher shouted: "Go to the office! You'll learn to get your Latin done!"

Moral: If you don't want the green-eyed monster to get you, do your homework regularly.

—Lillian Ezzo.

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